GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FIXED BY BIS FOR SOFT DRINKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has fixed norms for manufacturing of soft drinks;

(b) if so, the details including the substances permitted to be used in the these drinks;

(c) whether the multi-national companies engaged in this Business violate the above norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of various chemicals and other compounds used which are harmful to human health; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Bureau of Indian Standardes (BIS) has a standard on carbonated beverages (IS 2346:1992) (second revision) which inter-alia prescribes the ingredients and other substances permitted in the product.

(c) The standards prescribed under PFA Rules, 1955 are mandatory whereas BIS specifications are voluntary in nature. The companies including multinationals have to comply with the standards prescribed under PFA Rules,1955 and may voluntarily opt for BIS certification. As perinformation made available by BIS, till date no company has opted for a BIS certification for this product.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.